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FIVE CENTS

Citizens Association Calls New Election in January

Selection of Rolfe Sauls' successor will be placed directly in the hands of the Citizens of Greenbelt, was the decision reached at the meeting of the executive committee of the Citizen's Association held the evening of December 11. The committee decided it wasn't really a committee and therefore according to the by-laws could not appoint someone to fill the office of president of the association which was left vacant by Mr. Sauls' resignation. They plan to bring the nomination and election of president up for discussion and action at the next meeting of the association which will be held the first week in January.

When Mr. Sauls was president he appointed chairmen for only two of the standing committees. That action, the executive committee decided, left them short-handed and not really qualified to act as an official body.

George Bauer, who as vice president of the Citizen's Association is now acting head of the organization, explained the executive committee's position to the Cooperator. "We think that we lack the official power to appoint a president," he said. "The best thing is to bring the whole thing up before the people and let them decide. Then the president can start off with a clean slate and there won't be any kickback. The main thing we've got to do now is to push the dance the Citizens' Association is having on New Year's eve. We've got to all work for that."

Mr. Bauer also pointed out that the Citizen's Association will have to agree to amend or in some manner temporarily set aside the by laws before the Association can replace the executive committee as an instrument for appointing a new president.

Greenbelt Church Shows First Religious "Technicolor"

"The Saviour is Born", a motion picture production entirely in color and sound, will be shown Sunday, December 29, in the Greenbelt Community Auditorium at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Greenbelt Community Church. Arrangements for this Christmas feature were completed last week by the Reverend Robert Lee Kincheloe with the producers.

This film, the only production of its kind ever made, runs 30 minutes in length and tells the graphic and beautiful Christmas story of the prophecy of the coming of Christ, the journey of Joseph and Mary to the crowded little town of Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus there. An outstanding musical program, arranged by Homer Rhodeheaver the widely-known religious singer, choir-leader and evangelist, accompanies the film which is a talking picture throughout.

This photo play is the first of a series of 50 similar pictures which will depict the life of Christ.

"The Saviour is Born" is the first photoplay dealing with a religious subject ever produced entirely in color and sound.

While the regular series of pictures will not be ready for release until early spring, Biblical Photo Plays has obtained a limited number of prints of the Christmas story and is permitting these to be shown in the largest and most influential churches of Washington, Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore. By a special arrangement, the Reverend Mr. Kincheloe has obtained the film for a showing in Greenbelt.

No admission will be charged for the Greenbelt showing but a free will offering will be taken, at the performance.

ADMINISTRATION UNABLE to SUPPLY XMAS TREES

The town management advises that this year they will not be allowed to cut or distribute Christmas trees or holly, nor can they allow anyone to cut any of the trees, holly or other greenstuff on the Government property.

Greenbelt Consumers Services, because of this situation, will have trees and greenstuff for sale at reasonable prices.

NO MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

As in the past we will have our annual "No Meeting Week" in the Community Building from December 26 to January 1, inclusive.

If you recall we had this "No Meeting Week" last year in order to give the various Greenbelt parents a chance to get acquainted with their families; also to give the janitors a chance to do work in the Community Building that cannot be done when meetings are being held.

However, the building will be open for church services on Sunday and for the Citizens Association dance on New Year's Eve. All other meetings will be cancelled and the Library will be closed.

Greenbelt Band Celebrates Six Months' Birthday



Photo by Fosnight



MAIL in GREENBELT; GET HOME DELIVERY

Fighting our way through a record breaking volume of Christmas mail, we finally found Postmaster George W. Bryant struggling nobly against the possibility of being shipped parcel post to Podunk, Iowa in the rush. After barricading ourselves behind a pile of bags marked 'Fragile', in the hope that at least we would be handled with care he told us some very interesting facts about the local postal situation.

For the first eleven months of 1940, the receipts totaled nearly \$8,000, and that if the December receipts are only equal to last year's, the total for the year will be well over the \$10,000 required for city delivery.

Not everyone knows it, but volume is not everything in reckoning the receipts for the year. Only actual revenue taken in by the post office is counted, such as the sale of stamps, the renting of boxes, money orders, insurance etc. In short if you buy your stamps outside Greenbelt, and mail your packages from here, it will not be counted in computing the final figure. So if Greenbelter's want home delivery, "Buy Greenbelt Postal Products" to create a slogan.

A much better slogan is the old standby "Mail Early and Avoid the Rush", which Mr. Bryant indicated could still be emphasized in this issue. "Please" he pleaded, "tell them not to wait till the last minute".

Asked to estimate the total volume of local Christmas mail he threw up his hands in horror. "Millions, probably, millions" he exclaimed, giving the hiding place away, so he had to go back to work. He left muttering something vaguely familiar. The mail must go through, it sounded like. Fortunately, and never with due appreciation on the part of the public, it does.

Greenbelt's Community Band celebrated the first six months of its existence with an informal program and party last Friday night.

Following a short practice period under Mr. Garrett's direction, Mr. Porter, chairman of the band board, invited Manager Braden to make good his alleged boast of "some day leading the Greenbelt band on Pennsylvania Avenue". There was no way out and Mr. Braden found himself leading the band in a short march "Dot and Phil", a five-foot red and white baton in his hand.

Mr. Garrett, in a short address, summed up the band's activity and the splendid cooperation he was receiving from the children and parents. Mr. Braden and Mr. Mabec gave the story behind the organization of the band, giving credit to those who worked hard to get it started.

Mrs. Rose Alpher, who with Dr. Alpher came from Washington for this celebration, in her talk congratulated the band members, the board and Mr. Garrett for their accomplishments in so short a time, making what was merely a dream last spring more than a reality now. She also expressed the hope that the band would later add string instruments and develop an orchestra section.

Mrs. Katherine Reed, principal of the school, was present and when called on to speak wished the band all the success it merited.

Emmet Nanna, in behalf of the band, presented Mr. Garrett with two batons, one to be used in directing the band, the other one an ornamental one as a souvenir.

After the concert the party adjourned to the home economics room where ice cream and sweets were served by the social committee headed by Mrs. Johnson.

New Dance Price

Our national defense program hit home this week when the dance committee of the Greenbelt Citizens Association was informed that the price for the New Year's Eve dance would have to be changed to include the 10 percent national defense tax.

The revised admission, as announced by Chairman Larry Pinckney, will be 55 cents for advance sale tickets and 65 cents for tickets sold at the door.

The full list of neighbors from whom tickets may be obtained follows:

Dr. James McCarl, 7-D Crescent Road; Larry Pinckney, 1-B Crescent Road; Bernard Jones, 1-D Westway; James Smith, 4-H Southway; Charles Bradley, 19-H Ridge Road; Donald H. Cooper, 6-H Ridge Road; Harry A. Stewart, 19-L Ridge Road; George F. Euer, 1-J Gardenway; John McWilliams, 3-C Eastway; and Mrs. Harry Hesse, 6-J Hillside Road; and Martin Miller, 17-A Ridge Road.

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The Week Before Christmas

'Twas the week before Christmas in the Cooperator
It went to bed early, instead of much later.
The dummy was pasted and hung on the wall,
and 'twas doubtful St. Nicholas would be there at all
Fosnight in his kerchief, and I in my cap
Had settled ourselves for a long winter's nap.
When out of the phone ther came such a clatter,
I sprang from my desk to see what was the matter.
When what with my wondering ears did I hear,
But Santa Claus's voice saying let's have a beer.
And so through the window went I wish a crash,
And so to his worksho. I went in a flash.
There were gags piled high, holding every known gift
And if the truth must be known, Santa needed a lift.
And prominently seen, despite the commotion,
Was a present for Mabee, maybe a promotion.
One gift for the town, was a gift to behold,
Several Grade-A pictures, and not half a year old.
And added to that, (the old boy ain't a fool),
Was the much needed project—the new Nursery School.
But this above all, and some one should've kist'im,
Was the almost forgotten, a new transport system.
The Citizens Association, go a new head,
Strong, brave and fearless, and a leader not led.
Our overworked Doctors were given a raise,
While the hospital got only well deserved praise.
For the Cooperator, here Santa let out a laugh;
It got what it needed; an entirely new staff.
But he has to be leaving so taking a drink,
The sleigh was all loaded quick as a wink.
Santa jumped in the sleigh, and taking the rein,
He cheerfully called to each reindeer by name.
Now Bauer, Now Jonesee, Comproni and Lee;
The leader was missing, he'd torn himself free.
But the rest carried on and pulled as a team,
As straight for the moon we rode on the beam.
Soon passing the moon, Greenbelt hove into view,
And presents were dropped for the town, me and you.
The work was soon finished, and Santa was pleased,
When something sad happened: St. Nicholas sneezed.
I awoke with a start, and the world was the same,
Still plugging along at its unruly game.
And while rapidly nearing the end of its rope,
There still is a point in expressing this hope:
That our homes remain bright in a darkening world;
That peace in our time be a dream soon unfurled.
And agreeing at last we are taking a stand,
And for once in our lives we are showing our hand.
And wishing out loud, (that our readers(?) may hear.)
A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The Last Word

Nothing in the past three issues of the Cooperator on the subject of movies could possibly be construed as constructive criticism. Possibly there will be nothing constructive in this, but it is hoped that these suggestions will be discussed by the board of the Cooperative. No attempt to belittle the action of the board is intended, but it is seriously doubted that anything constructive is contained in the board's action of passing a resolution upholding the quality of recent films shown in Greenbelt.

Briefly the Cooperator makes five suggestions for the improvement of Greenbelt entertainment.

1. That an attempt be made on the part of the management to insure pictures suitable to children, for the Saturday bills. (The reader is referred to last week's Women's page for a complete analysis of this phase of the situation.)

2. Recognizing the impossibility of showing all current pictures (pictures issued within the past six months), it is suggested that a greater use be made of revivals of the better pictures of past years. Pictures such as Lost Horizon, and Mr. Deeds Goes To Town, to mention two shown here recently, are always welcome.

3. That if double bills are considered essential to the correct conduct of the theatre business, an attempt be made to use revivals as the second picture. It has always been something of a mystery why a bill made up of two poor pictures is consid-

ered better entertainment than a bill made up of only one poor picture. The whole question of double bills is debatable, but it would be preferable if, instead of two grade B current pictures, the bills were composed of one grade B picture and a grade A picture of several years ago.

4. That a greater use of shorts be made. Such shorts as the Passing Parade, the Pete Smith pictures, Walt Disney cartoons, and various musical compositions, are better used as filler than a full length feature of poorer quality.

5. Finally, striking out on an original path, and one which in all probability is unattainable, the Cooperator suggest that a study be made of the possibility of making Greenbelt a preview theater. There are good arguments upholding this idea as a possibility. One, that Greenbelt is composed of a good cross-sectional group suitable for pre-view reaction study. Secondly the size of the Greenbelt Theatre would not seriously affect the later showing in Washington.

It is felt that the adoption of any one of these suggestions would materially improve a situation still in need of improvement. For the time being the Cooperator will have nothing more to say on the subject of movies per se. What started out as a criticism of one part of the Cooperative has uncovered other serious maladjustments needing attention. These will be discussed in due time. Anyway as far as the movies go this is our last word—we hope.

Letters to Editor

NO ROBBERY

Let's talk about our neighbors.
Those most peculiar folk;
Discuss their loves and labors
And what they drink and smoke.
Come, let us dish the dirt, use
Our fancy to disclose
Our neighbors faults—and virtues
(We won't say much of those).

Let's talk of how they handle
Their children, husbands, wives;
And dig up all the scandal
about our neighbors lives.
For there's such stimulation,
Such joy, delightful art,
In every conversation
Taking our friends apart.

Let's talk about our neighbors
With charity to none;
With tongues that cut like sabers,
It's such a lot of fun.
The malice that we weave in,
The gossip we discuss
Will help us to get even
For what they say of us.

by Burton Bradey

To the editor:

I wish to second, emphatically, Mr. Walther's recent protest* against the Cooperator's practice of mutilation of letters to the editor.

The omission of one paragraph in my letter of last week very effectively nullified the entire point of the letter—taht there was adequate justification for the period during which our theater showed no highly advertised films. The fact that the letter was intended to be in answer to a series of critical editorials by the Cooperator makes the resulting distortion of the letter particularly objectionable.

The explanation to which I refer, to quote one of the several deleted portions of the previous letter, is as follows: "That a chain or 'circuit' of theaters have for several months refused to sign contracts with five of the major movie producers; that consequently, that chain has avoided showing films produced by those concerns; and that consequently we cannot show those films—unless we choose to pay the priority price paid by the chain, in which case one film would cost us as much as we receive in admissions for a week.

It was with due regard to these circumstances that I personally and more recently the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Consumer Services by unanimous vote, concluded that our theater manager had done a commendable job in meeting adverse circumstances with a minimum of inconvenience to local patrons.

As a former editor of the Cooperator, I believe that a newspaper designed to foster and develop understanding of our community and its organizations is a fundamental need of our community. Put for that reason I am particularly disturbed when the Cooperator seems bent upon misinterpretation and misrepresentation of the conduct of one of the enterprises of our local cooperative.

Walter R. Volckhausen

To the editor:

At its meeting on Wednesday, December 11, the Board of Directors of G.C.S. Adopted the following motion:

"That the Board commend the theater manager on the success with which she met a situation caused by a tie-up in release of films to our theater, and also commend her on the manner in which the quality of the films was upheld despite the adverse circumstances."

The Board indicated that it was its opinion that although the pictures shown during the period were not highly publicized, they did furnish entertainment and enjoyment to those attending.

Fred Wilde
Secretary

To the editor:

Please do me the courtesy of printing this letter as written or not at all.

Since there is a limit on letter space in your paper, my letter last week did not repeat facts which I knew had been pointed out in the letter written by Mr. Volckhausen. Since you saw fit to delete the most important facts in his letter thereby distracting the strength from the meaning of both letters, I fail to understand why you bothered to print them at all unless it was your intention to leave an impression with your readers different than would have been the case if the letter had been printed as written.

I lay no claim to knowing what newspaper ethics are, but it seems only fair and honorable to print a man's letter as he writes it, or get his sanction to any changes made in anything going in over his name.

This is not a new complaint against the Cooperator as I understand several organizations are no longer sending anything in for publication as a result of many such experiences.

Carnie Harper.

Editor's note: tsk,tsk,tsk.

TO THE EDITOR:

In the midst of your present state of siege, with the wolves howling, knockers knocking and past editors and staff members yapping at your heels, I hope it is not out of order for me to slip in a word of commendation for your efforts. The Cooperator, under its present management, seems to have shaken off its three-year-old lethargy and is beginning to deal with important local issues. For this I am profoundly grateful. Your fight for intelligent and entertaining movies deserves the support of the entire community—may you be successful!

E. L. MacDonald, Jr.

To the editor:

Said the Reverend Kincheloe in "Meditations" last week, speaking of the religious faiths in Greenbelt and their variety of ceremonial observance, "No one of them is any more valid or efficacious than another." As a gesture of tolerance he quotes an Anglican publication to the effect that "an understanding of this will promote—fellowship among those whose habits of worship—differ."

If tolerance is to be based on understanding, and not merely on a shrug and an attitude of what's the difference, then it must be recognized that the Catholic Mass is unique. It is neither a "spiritual smoke-screen" of candles, vestments and genuflexions, nor a "cloud of glory" full of the deep sincerity of a worshipping congregation. The extremes of contrast might be widened even farther from the truth without arriving at simple understanding of the fact. The Mass is an act of Sacrifice. Homage of another sort may be paid to mortal creatures of God; sacrifice is an act of divine worship offering to God acknowledgment of His sovereign dominion over all things.

The particular, identifying characteristic of the Mass consists of this: it is the unbloody sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Any catechism will contain this definition and clarify it further.

Were I convinced that all religious worship is equally valid or efficacious (perhaps equally invalid or inefficacious) I should be inclined to save time and money by investing in a prayer rug for use at home—especially on rainy days.

J. P. Loftus

YES, SIR!

To the editor:

Last week I dispatched a letter to the editor containing approximately 600 words, most of criticism of the newspaper's format and substance.

From my past working connection with the Cooperator, I knew that the organization's policy was not to publish letters to the editor containing over 250 words; I did not expect you to print mine for that reason. In the December 12 edition, however, you published a little more than one-sixth of my communication over my name, giving your constituents selected portions of the letter without admitting the entire content.

I still do not expect you to violate the paper's policy on the matter on my behalf, even though you stretched it irreparably on the other two letters published last week, but I do wish you would let the readers know that I was specific in my criticism.

Would you be so kind as to print this memorandum so that my acquaintances will know that my original letter was longer and much more to the point than might be presumed from the amount produced last week?

Lyman L. Woodman

P.S. The December 12 Cooperator was an improvement in appearance over the two previous editions.



Community Health

DR. S.R. BERENBERG, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The bright autumn afternoon is warm. The breezes from the woods bear inviting spicy odors. Not far away ducks swim lazily along the shores of the lake. Beneath the trees the ground is a rustling magic carpet of shifting colors. Just made for children's feet to scuffle through, scattering spirals of brighter color in their wake. But where are the children? Not in the woods. Not even at home in the yard. Nor in the public playground.

The children are safely tucked away from the bright day in the cozy seats of the local movie house, sitting breathlessly absorbed in the exploits of a quick-shooting hero as he sweeps across the screen on his tireless steed. They saw the newsreel first, these youngsters. They saw broken roofs, the tumbled ruins of homes in the newsreel, the tired faces of refugees in the warring countries, before the more exciting shooting began. They saw these scenes calmly, accepting them as part of life. War, shooting, death, from life and from fiction, they have learned that these are part of their world. Outside the building is the greater, more important drama of nature, neglected, unacknowledged.

A child who accepts bombed homes and sudden death as a part of life, will rarely be able to grow up and contribute constructively toward a better life for mankind. He is most apt to grow up to believe that life is static, that crime, cruelty and war are inescapable. He may accept such a belief and suffer. He may retreat into the ranks of the neurotics and suffer. He will rarely have the strength of the child who has watched the varied developments of nature, has absorbed the idea that growth is a law of life.

A stimulating movie that touches the creative instincts of a child is rare. Such movies should be produced to supplement other healthy factors in the child's environment, beautiful books, good music and the opportunity for an intimate acquaintance with the out-of-doors. Someday the growing demand from many sources will result in fine movies for children. Until then harassed city parents are hard pressed to provide healthy recreational substitutes.

But the woods and fields around Greenbelt hold health of mind and body, recreation of body and spirit for the youngsters of our town. The young generation of this decade will have need of healthy bodies, healthy minds, clear vision, constructive aims if they are to build a saner world when the storms of war have passed.

NEW TENANTS

Molineu, James H. Jr. 32-C Crescent Road
Cramp, Josephine M. 13-M Parkway Road
Smith, Yates F. 10-M Parkway Road

TRANSFERS

Dean, John J. from 7-E Parkway to 1-C Woodland Way
Ratzkin, Jack from 44-D Crescent to 23-E Ridge Road
Pratt, Julius from 32-E Crescent Rd. to 25-H Ridge Rd

With all my heart I wish you all a very merry holiday season.

Many words will probably be written about the irony of celebrating Christmas at a time like this when the "peace on earth among men of good will" which Christmas is supposed to celebrate is being so terribly, so terrifically, cast asunder. Many of us can not help but wonder if there is any hope for the world, and if it is not rather senseless to give credence to the message of glad tidings inherent in the Christmas season.

But I do not think it is necessary to rely upon what is known as "blind faith" to be happy in the promises of Christmas and to spread the good cheer of this time. The whole course of history, if carefully examined, reassures us. Tyrants have risen, but they have not lasted. Improvements in the machinery of getting people to work together for the common good have been forthcoming continually, although by no means steadily. So far the net results are dramatically on the credit side of the ledger.

A glance at the achievements of this country, yes even of this community in its short existence, must make us realize what we can do in the future. A glance at the achievements of science promises us much for the future. Just so sure as it is that most of us now live better than kings used to, so sure is it that all of us, if we will, can work together a way of life worthy of the Christmas spirit. I believe that we here are actively, positively, effectively, engaged in that very task.

It is with that feeling very much to the fore that I again wish you a very happy Christmas time.

Howard C. Custer

PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Wanted: A young lady to take care of a 2 year old child, for employed couple. Box 127 Greenbelt.

Wanted: Ride from vicinity of 7 and F streets N.W. leaving Washington around 4 o'clock--Call 4801.

Girl for housework wanted. Part time, eight hours per week for \$2.00 write P.O. Box #704.

For Sale-1936 Ford Coupe, rumble seat, radio and heater \$175. 1936 Chevrolet sedan, radio and heater \$265.00. Write P.O. box 704.



Meditations

by
Robert Lee Kincheloe
Minister to the
Greenbelt Community Church

THE PARSON

Every pastor, I believe, would like to be the kind of man depicted in the following bit of verse by Douglas Malloch:

I like the parson's simple way
Of prayin' what he has to pray.
It seems to me he don't reach out
For ev'rything to pray about,
But sort of sticks to his own town,
And church, and sick old Mrs. Brown.

No, he ain't offerin' no plan
To heaven how to fix Japan,
Or run the world. With humble heart
He's askin' how to run one part,
To keep the people free of sin
In this one town that he is in.

He's here to see one vineyard through,
And that's what he's attendin' to.
The widow Brown is ruther low,
That's what he wants the Lord to know;
And I believe that matters near
Is what the Lord would like to hear.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

SPECIAL ITEMS

Candle-light Service

THE MESSAGE OF THE CAROLS, colorful pageant to be given Sunday afternoon, December 22 at 5:00. This inspiring performance is sponsored by the Church and Church School. (The community is invited.)

CATHOLIC NEWS

The usual schedule of Confessions on Christmas Eve will be altered this year, and Catholics are asked to keep this notice in a convenient place so that they will be familiar with the correct schedule.

Confessions will be heard at 27-A Ridge Road on Saturday night, December 21 at 7:30 and on Monday night at the same time. No confessions will be heard in Greenbelt on Christmas Eve.

In addition to the usual Mass at 9 o'clock Christmas morning, there will be a High Mass at midnight Christmas Eve. This midnight Christmas Mass has come to be one of the high lights of the Christmas season in Greenbelt as many non-Catholics always attend, as well as many out-of-town visitors. They are all welcome again this year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
KATHERINE AND ALLAN ARNESS

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
To all our Greenbelt friends
Reba and Gradion Harris

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all our Greenbelt Friends
Dayton, Anne,
+ Debbie Hull

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Christmas and New Year Greetings
from your TOWN COUNCIL
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SAMUEL R. BERENBERG, M. D.
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JOE W. STILL, M. D.

Wishing you ***
a Merry Christmas and a bright New Year
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A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year
MR. and MRS. HENRY H. MAURER, BARBARA and SUZANNE

The Seasons Greetings To All
MR. AND MRS. W. T. MABEE

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
GREENBELT POST OFFICE



MRS. GREENBELT



Good Evening, Mrs. Greenbelt

When I hear carols on Christmas night, I think of Madame Schumann-Heink and I realize that I still miss her as one misses an old friend who has gone away; and Christmas Eve night is not the same without her "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht". I find myself wishing to have her back again to sing for us. That is, last Christmas I did. This Christmas I am not sorry that she is not here to see the sad state of the world and "her children". We were all that, weren't we? Who could hear her sing and not believe that? I heard her last broadcast and her old and tired voice was more beautiful to me than it had ever been - not beautiful with power and tone and range, but beautiful with love and tenderness.

What is happening to her boys in Germany this Christmas? And her boys in England? And what is going to happen to her boys in America? Is this not the year of all years to make Christmas a real thing; a time to stress the brotherhood of man and oneness with God? Is this not the time to give thanks for the fraternity which exists in our land and to offer a prayer that it will never be wiped out? Is this not the season to recall that to all nations He came to show a new way of life?

No, I am not sorry that Madame Schumann-Heink is not here this Christmas, but I hope that next Christmas I will be. I hope that the stars on next Christmas Eve night will look down on a world at peace and men and women who have honestly tried to keep it so; so that her "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" will find "her boys" all brothers again, with no shadow of fear or distrust between them. And we can say, "I miss Madame Schumann-Heink. I wish I could hear her sing again for us tonight."

—Peggie Arness.

SCHOOL TOTS TO ENJOY FREE FORTNIGHT

The Christmas vacation for children of Greenbelt elementary school will be as follows: the children will have a full day on December 20 with their gala play, after which school will be adjourned until Monday morning January 6. This will be an unusually long vacation and will give the children time for their pre-Christmas preparations and enjoyable days after Christmas to become fully acquainted with their new toys, books, and games.

BETTER BUYER BRIEFS

The Better Buyers Club led by Mrs. Rae Lewis met at the home of Mrs. Margaret McWhorter on Friday, December 13. New officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Martha Townsend, vice-president and Mrs. Margaret McWhorter, secretary.

A special meeting will be held at 19 V Ridge Road on Friday, December 20.

Woman's Club Presents Living Pictures

The Women's Club of Greenbelt, under the auspices of the Fine Arts Committee presented a delightful program of "Living Pictures" in the auditorium on Monday evening last. Principles in the pictures were impersonated by children and local Greenbelters.

Mrs. Jessie Fair opened the program with piano selections, "The Little Shepherd" and "Gollywog's Cake Walk" by Debussy.

The program follows:
Reynolds' "Age of Innocence" posed by Louise Steinle, with reading "Somebody's Child" by Mrs. Mary L. Willis; "Pinkie" by Lawrence, posed by Miss Mary Finn, with reading "She was a Phantom of Delight" and vocal solo "I Love Life" by Miss Mary Cooke; "Maidenhood", posed by Miss Mary Jeanne McCarl, Mr. Warner Steinle and Mr. Robert Gray, with "Song of Love" by Miss Mary Cooke and Mr. Roshon, and reading "Gather Ye Rosebuds"; "Motherhood", posed by Mrs. Leon Benefiel and little Susanne Allred, with a reading by Miss Phyllis Warner; "Maturity", posed by Mrs. Charles E. Welsh and little Marilyn Thomas and Connie Newton, while Mrs. Thomas Freeman sang Gounod's "Ave Maria" and Mr. Robert Kinchloe read a "Grace at Meals". And last, but no means least, Whistler's "Mother" posed by Mrs. Joseph Loftus, to the reading "Serene I Fold My Hands And Wait", completed the pictures.

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RECIPES

—by Peggy Bargas

I am continuing recipes for Christmas candies this week. Just because your family might have sampled not wisely but too well - as mine did - and you might find yourself with less Christmas candy than you had suspected you would be - as I did!

Uncooked Chocolate Fudge

1 egg	2 tablespoons cream
1/2 teaspoon salt	1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar	4 squares chocolate
	1 cup nut meats

Beat salted egg until light, beat in sifted sugar gradually. Add cream, vanilla and melted chocolate, mix thoroughly. Add nuts broken into small pieces. Turn into a greased pan lined with wax paper. Let stand in cool place over night. Cut in squares and store in tightly covered tin box.

Peanut Squares

2 envelopes CO-OP Sparkling Gelatine	1. tblesp. lemon juice
1/2 cup cold water	3/4 cup boiling water
2 cup light brown sugar	1 tabsp.
2 cups peanuts, chopped fine	1/2 teaspoon salt

Heat sugar, salt and boiling water to boiling point. Pour cold water in bowl and sprinkle gelatine on top of water. Add to hot syrup and stir until dissolved. Boil slowly for 15 minutes. Remove from fire and allow candy to slightly cool, add chopped peanuts and lemon juice. Turn into pan (about 8x4 inches) that has been rinsed in cold water. Allow to cool for at least twelve hours in a cold place (not refrigerator). With a wet, sharp knife loosen around edges of pan and 1/2. Cut in cubes and roll in either chopped peanuts or powdered sugar. Other nuts may be used.

Butterscotch Caramels

1 pint cream	2 cups granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla	1 3/4 cups light corn sirup
1 cup chopped pecans	3/4 cup butter

Place 1/2 pint cream, sirup and sugar in pan on a very slow fire, stirring constantly until finished. When mixture is boiling hard, add remaining cream and butter slowly, so that candy does not stop boiling. Cook slowly until candy makes a firm ball when dropped in cold water (246 to 248 degrees Fahrenheit). This takes about 50 minutes. Sprinkle chopped nuts on well buttered baking pan. Add vanilla to mixture and pour over nuts. Let stand for several hours, preferably overnight, then cut in inch pieces and wrap separately in waxed paper. This quantity fills a 10-inch-square baking pan and makes 2 1/2 pounds of caramels.

Penuche

1 lb. brown sugar
2 tablespoons butter
1/3 cup milk

Put all ingredients together in large sauce pan and cook until soft ball stage (238 degrees Fahrenheit - by candy thermometer). Cool and beat until creamy, then pour in buttered pan, cutting in squares when cool.

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ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____

WHAT SHALL WE BUY FOR CHRISTMAS:

- I Why toys are important:
1. Play is the principal occupation of childhood, and toys are the tools of play.
 2. Wholesome play activities lay the basis for wholesome personality and satisfactory adjustments to life.
 3. Play should never be used by parents to force the child to learn anything specific. The best play is not forced but is engaged in because children "just want to".
 4. There is such a wide difference in toy materials suitable to different ages that parents should choose carefully in the light of the children's age and general development.
- II What is a wisely selected toy?
1. It is one which is appropriate for the child who is to play with it.
 2. It should be suitable to his age and his level of development.
 3. It should be one which meets his present interests and needs.
 4. The quality of the toy should be considered. It should be durable, well-constructed, safe and sanitary.
 5. It should be a plaything with which a child can do something.
- III What is the proper use and care of a toy?
1. There should be a special place in which each child may keep his own toys.
 2. It should be the child's responsibility to keep his toys in order and to put them away in the places where they belong after he is through playing with them.
 3. A "well-balanced diet" of toys should be provided; that is, different types of toys which will help in developing children in various ways are desirable.
 4. A child should not be surrounded with too many toys at once. Remember that too many toys in use at the same time distract and confuse.
- IV Homemade toys and play equipment:
- Sometimes parents need to be reminded that the educational value of a toy is not determined by its price or its rarity but rather by its suitability and the interest it rouses in the child. A simple homemade toy sometimes meets this test more satisfactorily than one purchased in a store. They should be safe, durable and easy to clean.
- V Toys that develop attitudes and aid in adjusting to adolescence are excellent (age 11-13).
1. Newspaper printing press
 2. Making puppets is an ideal hobby
 3. Sewing kits containing tools and patterns
 4. Games providing a good base for boys and girls to play together are excellent
 5. Electric-eye kit
 6. Chemical gardening set
 7. Mechanical building sets
 8. Chemistry sets
 9. Science materials (batteries-magnets-bells-lights-electric wiring).

CHRISTMAS DINNER

75¢

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Shrimp Cocktail-Fruit Cup-Oyster on half shell-Half Grapefruit-Cherry Stone Clams-Tomato Juice

Choice of Soup

Chicken-Vegetable-Cream of Tomato

Celery and olives

Choice of

Roast Turkey-dressing-cranberry sauce

T-Bone Steak-mushroom sauce

Roast Duck-mint jelly-dressing

Half Fried Chicken-Coleslaw

Choice of Salad

Butterfly Salad-Waldorf Salad

Frosted Fruit Salad

Choice of 2 Vegetables

Buttered Peas-Mashed Turnips-Lima Beans
Sliced Tomatoes-Mashed Potatoes-Candied
Sweet Potatoes-French Fried Potatoes

Choice of Desserts

Hot Minced-Apple-Pumpkin Pies

Fruit Cake-Jello-Ice Cream

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Tea - Coffee - Milk

Mints & Mixed Nuts

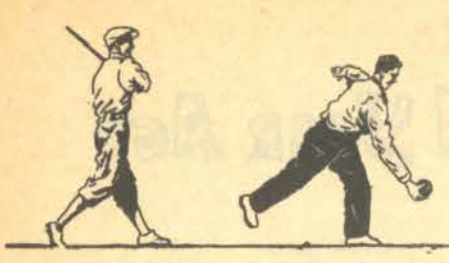
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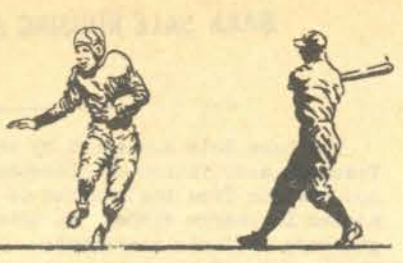
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SPORTS



By Jay Cee Em

WITH THE REPS

By John Murray

In a dull lopsided game played in the local gym last Saturday night before a partially filled house, the Reps of Greenbelt smothered the Warwick A.C. quintet, 52-28. The visitors, victims of the desertion of three of their members, pulled an iron man stunt using only five men but in Brechtel offered one of the brightest stars yet to show here. He sparked what offensive his team possessed, scored 16 points himself and in general overshadowed every man on the floor.

The Reps continue to look better and better as game follows game and by the first of January when they began tackling the Heurich League members their calibre should be at least equal to theirs. Goldfaden delegated Holochwest to handle the masterminding assignment on Saturday as he journeyed to Philadelphia and the Brewers in an American League game and Vince, as a result, took the heckling offered by the fans because of the lack of competition. That seems to be a big factor in handling Greenbelt teams, the ability to absorb insults, catcalls and general derision from the paying guest. What a career.

Warwick-F.G.	F.	T.P.	Greenbelt-F.G.	F.	T.P.
Brechtel	F	6	Petersen	1	3
Jennison	F	3	Alder	1	0
York	G	0	Russo	3	1
Blake	G	1	Klepser	3	0
Couper	G	0	Blanchard	4	0
		28	Wurl	2	1
			Marack	3	0
			McDonald	4	1
			Barker	2	0
			Holochwest	1	0
					52

On next Saturday evening a preliminary game staged by the Greenbelt Women's Team will precede the REPS encounter with the Georgetown A.C. first game, 7:30 P.M.

The high school team has taken on its share of the tough ones these past two weeks and ended up not too badly. True they were licked by such high powered quints as Central and Roosevelt but it is all part of a well laid plan of attack on the local County title. No training is as successful as a good drubbing---if you doubt it witness the Redskins shake-up.

To provide a clear road for fast cars up and down a long hill near Nashville, Tennessee a separate lane of red concrete has been constructed for slow trucks climbing the grade.

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LAURELS TO THE LADIES

By Lib Goldfaden

In accordance with the new schedule, the women practised basketball on Wednesday night. It was an interesting practice, particularly since Mrs. Don Bullion and your reporter didn't know where they were going or why. This is no slam at Mrs. Don Bullion, for she is one of the gamest little persons we have ever seen, but she had never played before.

The burning question for the near-sighted contingent is this---do you wear your glasses in basketball and take a chance, or leave them off and shoot at a blur instead of a basket? Oh, well---life is often melancholy for the myopic.

Here is a tip for the stronger sex. Don't bet when you bowl against Ann Martone, She's too good, as two Greenbelt gentlemen discovered.

FAREWELL TO SPORTS

To the editor:
 I hereby tender my official resignation as Sports Editor of the Greenbelt Cooperator effective immediately. It has been a pleasure to work and cooperate with all the members of the staff of the paper, and after more than 2 years of active duty as one of the staff, I take my leave, wishing you continued success.

John C. Maffay.

Standing-December 9

Teams	Won	Lost	Pinfall
University Alleys	30	9	16157
Bluebirds	27	12	15321
Matthai's	23	16	15964
Little Tavern	22	17	16159
Starlight	19	20	16279
G. P. Iverson	19	20	16129
Arcade-Sunshine	16	23	15146
Trott and Owens	15	24	15370
Strickettes	15	24	14454
Redbirds	9	30	22126

High team game--G.P. Iverson 479; Matthai's and Starlight 474

High Team set--Matthai's 1347; Starlight 1336
 High ind. game--McGoldrick & Lastner 121.
 High ind. set --Matthai's 1347; Starlight 1336
 High Ind. set--Dove 319; Neblett 314
 High Strikes--Tompkins 14- Mathers 13
 High spares--Dove 50; McGoldrick 47
 High Flat game--Lastner 94
 High Ind. average--Dove 93; Lastner 92-11

The High School Grizzlies, possessed of some skill a world of fight and determination, and a flare for the spectacular, were nosed out of a 31-26 decision by Pyattsville last Monday night. At half time they trailed by a mere 2 points and in the final period matched the visitors basket for basket but the eagle eye of Tadlock was a bit too much for them. He added 19 points to the total and overshadowed the 9 digits tallied by Egli for the locals.

The lads flashed at times to looked impressive but the most scintillating brilliance of the evening was supplied by the lasses of the cheer leading department. They are a bit of all right and we are for 'em

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BARBER SHOP
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The Redskins regained possession of first place in the Greenbelt League last Tuesday night, December 10, as they bowled over the Starlight Earls in all three games. They had high set for the night, an even 1600, aided considerably by Joe Muller, who spilled the pins for a 374 set, one game going for a new high individual of 165. In the meantime the Badgers slipped to the runner-up position through which they took 2 out of 3 from the Orioles.

In the other games the Dodgers dropped two games to the Community Men's Class; the Knights of Columbus rolled 1540 to take the odd game from the Winnies; both Consumer Co-op #1 and Consumers Co-op #3 teams won 2 out of 3 when they defeated the Buckeroos and Colts respectively. The Eagles defeated the Barnacles 2 to 1 and the Starlight Barons received an awful jolt when the University Motors team decisively trimmed them in all three games.

Teams	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Redskins	28	11	19345
Badgers	27	12	19981
University Mtors	24	15	19291
Starlight Barons	23	16	19612
Starlight Earls	21	18	18491
Colts	20	19	19053
Eagles	20	19	18554
Knights of Columbus	18	21	19297
Buckeroos	18	21	19002
Barnacles	17	22	19827
Winnie's	17	22	19146
Community Men's Class	17	23	17042
Orioles	16	23	18525
Consumers Co-op #1	16	23	18367
Consumers Co-op #2	16	23	17263
Dodgers	14	25	19071

High Team Game--Barnacles 628; Buckeroos 588
 High Team Set --Barnacles 1705; Badgers 1623
 High Ind. Game--Muller 165; Timmons 163.
 High ind. set--Timmons 388; Jones 387
 High Strikes--Bell, Jr. 27; Boggs 26
 High Spares--Jones 99; Cosby 89
 High flat Game--Muller 97
 High Ind. Average--Jones 112-9; Bowman 110-4

PATRONAGE RETURN NOTICE

At the annual meeting of the membership of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc. on Wednesday, February 5, 1941, the membership will decide whether a patronage return shall be issued on purchases made from the Cooperative in the year 1940, and, if so, the amount and nature of such return.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to members and other patrons of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., that in order to participate in the distribution of any patronage returns which may then be declared, patronage return slips applying to such purchases must be submitted to the Board of Directors at the office of the Cooperative over the Drug Store at or before 6 P.M., Saturday, January 18, 1941.

Non-member patrons who wish to participate in such returns must also have submitted to the Board, at or before that time, their applications for membership in the Cooperative. Each application must be approved by the Board before the applicants shall be eligible to participate in the returns.

EACH PATRON IS REQUIRED:

- To submit only those slips which, to the best of his knowledge, were issued to members of his household by G.C.S. during 1940. Slips issued during 1940 have been yellow and orange in color, except Movie slips, some of which have been red.
- To submit the slips in bundles of 25 (fastened securely by paper clips or rubber bands), except that one bundle may contain any number of slips less than 25. This extra bundle shall be lettered "A"; the others shall be lettered consecutively "B", "C", "D",....and so on.
- To indicate on each bundle his name, the total of patronage represented by the slips in the bundle, and the identifying letter of the bundle.
- To enclose with his slips the form provided for the purpose, properly filled out. These forms may be obtained at the Food Store, or in the office of the Cooperative, or by writing to the Secretary.
- To enclose the slips and the forms in a strong paper bag, which shall be securely closed, and on which shall be plainly stated his name and address.

Board of Directors
 GREENBELT CONSUMERS SERVICES, INC.

Frederick L. Wilde
 Secretary

by action of the Board
 DATED: December 11, 1940.

LETTERS TO SANTA



Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a very good girl and I help my mother with the dishes. Will you please bring me these things if you can:

- A doctor set
- A Betsy Wetsy with clothes
- A cash register
- A toy piano
- A toy iron

Mary Ann Kramer

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a pretty good girl. I dry dishes every day for my mother and after school I go to the store. I would like to have these toys for Christmas:

1. A modeling clay set
2. A play house with 7 dolls
3. A telephone
4. A book called "Black Beauty"
5. A pair of ice skates

My sister Judy would like a bicycle, a doll and a telephone.

Love,
Jeanne Kasko

Dear Santa:

I'm trying to be good and hope I will be able to get these toys for Christmas: Long Ranger Suit, Soldiers, Tank and Sparkling Lane.

Jerry Cook

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a big bike, a doll, two games, doll clothes.

Barbara LeMay

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Terms and Trade

BAKE SALE ROUSING SUCCESS

The Bake Sale sponsored by the Greenbelt Parent-Teachers association of December 7 met with fine cooperation from the parents of Greenbelt. The committee in charge wishes to thank all who by their generous efforts contributed so wholeheartedly to the success of the bake sale.

There will be no P.T.A. meeting for December. The next regular meeting will be held January 27 on the topic "Conserving the Child's background".

LOST AND FOUND
GREENBELT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Scarlet Parka Hood
Red, brown and green knitted caps
Various wool and cloth gloves
One black velveteen Beanie
Odd belts
Watch chain
Pen knives
One Grey felt hat-6-5/8
Odd Wallets
Combs
One Partially knitted Blue sweater
(Cashmirdown Yarn-Bernat)
One ring
Child's green wool cap
Child's wine corduroy cap
Yellow sleeveless sweater
Children's purses
Black leather mittens-knitted wrist band
Blue rubber ball
Child's sun glasses
Small composition baby doll
Light blue triangle scarf
Grey sweater-zipper
Medium Blue slipover sweater
Child's crocheted blue sweater
One wagon-"Champ"

These articles may be called for at the Administration office anytime between 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., until December 30. If not called for by that date all articles will be turned over to the Welfare Association.



A YEAR AGO

The 1940 budget was submitted for Council action. It was fifteen dollars higher than the 1939 budget, but provided for the operation of the hospital.

An attempt was being made to change the street car schedule. For the better of course.

The second false alarm in the history of Greenbelt was reported. Wallace Mabee pointed out that a severe penalty was attached to such goings on.

Nominated for the Poison Ivy Club was the person who first thought up the idea.

Dies again made the editorial page of the Cooperator where he was severely criticized.

Howard Custer thought the best Christmas present Greenbelt could get would be a group of outstanding upright, fearless intelligent etc., public officials. Thus solving all headaches, Christmas and otherwise.

G. H. A. GETS NEW LAMP

The Health Association last week added an ultra-violet lamp to its equipment. It is a strong, Branson, mercury-vapor, cold quartz lamp which can be adjusted to almost any position. The lamp itself can be detached from its standard for use by hand when necessary.

The medical staff is pleased with the machine and expects to put it to many uses. No extra charge will be made to members of the Association for ultra violet treatments ordered by the physicians.

"Say 'our,' "stormed Mrs. McSnorter. "I'm tired of hearing you talk about 'my house', and 'my car,' and 'my daughter'. It gets my goat."

The next morning, McSnorter arose in his usual rough frame of mind and spent some minutes rummaging about the room. Finally his wife turned over in bed and yelled at him, "What are you looking for?"

"Our pants," answered McSnorter sourly.

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Johnson Christmas Boxes 60c